

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:  
sending a first encrypted routine of a software driver to a peripheral device, wherein the software driver is to interface with the peripheral device;  
decrypting, at the peripheral device, the first encrypted routine to generate a plaintext routine; and  
providing the plaintext routine to the software driver.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first encrypted routine is an encrypted version of an encryption routine.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first encrypted routine is an encrypted version of a decryption routine.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the peripheral device is a graphics chip.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein decrypting is performed by a 3D pipe of the graphics chip.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein decrypting is performed by a IDCT component of the graphics chip.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein decrypting is performed by dedicated encryption hardware of the graphics chip.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including sending a decryption code to the peripheral device, where the decryption code is to be used by the peripheral device to decrypt the first encrypted routine.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including removing the plaintext routine from the software driver.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including:  
encrypting, at the peripheral device, the plaintext routine to generate a second encrypted routine, where the second encrypted routine is a version of the first encrypted routine; and  
providing the second encrypted routine to the software driver.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further including sending an encryption code to the peripheral device, where the encryption code is to be used by the peripheral device to encrypt the plaintext routine.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the second encrypted routine is a modified version of the first encrypted routine.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including selecting the first encrypted routine from a plurality of different encrypted routines, wherein the plurality of different encrypted routines are functionally equivalent.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein decrypting includes using a map as a decryption key.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the map includes a texture map.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein providing includes storing the plaintext routine in a location in memory accessible by the software driver, and where the location in memory is known to the software driver.

17. (Original) A method comprising:  
sending a first encrypted routine of a software driver to a graphics chip, wherein the software driver is to interface with the graphics chip, and where the first encrypted routine is an encrypted version of an encryption routine;  
decrypting, at the graphics chip, the first encrypted routine to generate a plaintext routine, wherein the plaintext routine is a version of the encryption routine; and  
storing the plaintext routine in memory in a location known to the software driver.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further including sending a decryption code to the graphics chip, where the decryption code is to be used by the graphics chip to decrypt the first encrypted routine.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein decrypting is performed by a 3D pipe of the graphics chip.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein decrypting is performed by a IDCT component of the graphics chip.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein decrypting is performed by dedicated encryption hardware of the graphics chip.
22. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 17, wherein decrypting is performed through a series of components coupled within the graphics chip.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further including removing the plaintext routine.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further including:  
encrypting, at the graphics chip, the plaintext routine to generate a second encrypted  
routine; and  
storing the second encrypted routine in memory in a location known to the software  
driver.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further including sending an  
encryption code to the graphics chip, where the encryption code is to be used by the graphics  
chip to encrypt the plaintext routine.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the second encrypted routine is a  
modified version of the first encrypted routine.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further including selecting the first  
encrypted routine from a plurality of different encrypted routines, wherein the plurality of  
different encrypted routines are functionally equivalent.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein decrypting includes using a  
map as a decryption key.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the map includes a texture map.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein providing includes storing  
the plaintext routine in a location in memory accessible by the software driver, and where the  
location in memory is known to the software driver.

31. (Original) A system comprising:  
a processor;  
memory operably coupled to said processor;  
a peripheral device, said peripheral device to decrypt a first encrypted routine and  
generate a plaintext routine;  
a software driver, wherein said software driver is to interface with said peripheral device,  
said software driver including a program of instructions capable of being stored in  
said memory and executed by said processor, said program of instructions to  
manipulate said processor to:  
send the first encrypted routine of said software driver to said peripheral device;  
and  
execute the plaintext routine.
32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the peripheral device includes a hardware  
component to encrypt the plaintext routine to generate a second encrypted routine, and where the  
second encrypted routine is a modified version of the first encrypted routine.
33. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the peripheral device includes a hardware  
component to decrypt the first encrypted routine to generate the plaintext routine.
34. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the peripheral device is a graphics chip.
35. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the hardware component is a 3D pipe.
36. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the hardware component is a IDCT  
component.
37. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the hardware component is a dedicated  
hardware component.

38. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said program of instructions further include instructions to manipulate said processor to send a decryption code to said peripheral device, where the decryption code is to be used by said peripheral device to decrypt the first encrypted routine.

39. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said program of instructions further include instructions to manipulate said processor to send an encryption code to said peripheral device, where the encryption code is to be used by said peripheral device to encrypt the plaintext routine.

40. (Original) A system comprising:  
a first interface to receive a first encrypted routine of a software driver;  
a first hardware component to decrypt the first encrypted routine received by said interface and generate a plaintext routine; and  
a second interface to output the plaintext routine for use by said software driver.

41. (Original) The system as in claim 40, wherein said first interface and said second interface are implemented using a same interface.

42. (Original) The system of claim 40, further including a second hardware component to:  
encrypt the plaintext routine to generate a second encrypted routine, wherein the second encrypted routine is a modified version of the first encrypted routine; and  
provide the second encrypted routine to said interface.

43. (Original) The system of claim 42, wherein the first hardware component and the second component are implemented using a same hardware component.

44. (Original) The system of claim 40, wherein the hardware component is a 3D pipe.

45. (Original) The system of claim 40, wherein the hardware component is a IDCT component.

46. (Original) The system of claim 40, wherein the hardware component is a dedicated hardware component.

47. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:  
sending a first encrypted routine of a first software driver to a peripheral device, wherein  
the software driver is to interface with the peripheral device;  
decrypting, at the peripheral device, the first encrypted routine to generate a plaintext  
routine; and  
providing the plaintext routine to a second software driver.

48. (Canceled)

49. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:  
sending a first encrypted data associated with an application to a peripheral device,  
wherein the application is to interface with the peripheral device;  
decrypting, at the peripheral device, the first encrypted data to generate a plaintext data;  
and  
providing the plaintext data to the application.

50. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein the first encrypted data includes an encrypted software routine.

51. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein the first encrypted data includes an encrypted version of one of: a private encryption key, a private decryption key, a chip ID, and a device ID.

52. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein the application includes a software driver.

53. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein the peripheral device includes a graphics chip.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, further including encrypting, at the peripheral device, the plaintext data to generate a second encrypted data, wherein the second encrypted data is a version of the first encrypted data.

55. – 62. (Canceled)

63. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising processing data at the peripheral device using the plaintext routine.

64. (New) The method of claim 63, wherein processing data comprises decrypting data at the peripheral device using the plaintext routine.